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1. Various precautionary measures for the prevention of escapes by air were taken by the Rumanian Government. The government suspects the crews of military and commercial aircraft and other civilian aviation agencies. Air personnel are constantly dismissed and re-employed or pilots are deprived of their flying licence. Members of the Rumanian Air Force (RAF), are also distrusted.
2. Information on the composition of the crews, the flying route and the plane to be used is given only half an hour before the take-off. Fuel is allotted in small quantities. For example, planes operating on the Bucharest - Jassy route are allotted a fuel reserve of only half hour in excess of the scheduled flight time. Planes flying to Arad are provided with fuel only for the one-way flight and have to be refueled in Arad for the return trip. Crews and passengers are subject to a body search before boarding. An agent of the State Security Police accompanies each Tars Airlines plane. The crews are ordered to lock their cabins from the inside.
3. State Security Police agents arrived unexpectedly at the Targosor (XC 59) airfield in July 1948. They inspected the airfield and made unserviceable those planes in excess of the prescribed number. To do this they removed the fuel tank filters from some IAR-27s. As the agents did not understand anything about aircraft they thought they had rendered the planes unserviceable.
4. An air force officer, who was a fighter pilot said that detail of four IAR-30s stationed at the Timisoara airfield controls the take-offs and landings of commercial aircraft. A fighter takes off half an hour before the commercial plane from Bucha-

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rest is due and escorts the in-coming plane to its landing. When the plane returns to Bucharest another fighter takes off five minutes after work and escorts it for about half an hour, making sure it takes the prescribed course. The fighters also regularly patrol the western border to prevent escapes to the west. These measures were taken in July 1948 after a Tars Airlines plane escaped to Salzburg. The crews of the fighters and Tars Airlines planes are quartered in the Timisoara Palace Hotel where the local Tars agency is also housed. \*

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\* [REDACTED] Comment. Press reports have stated that precautionary measures against escapes by air were taken in all satellite states. This is the first information on such measures taken against Rumanian military and civilian aviation agencies.

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